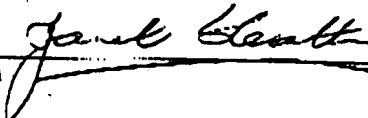


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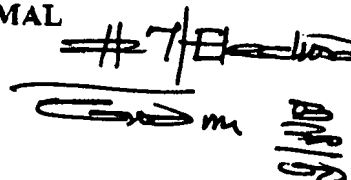
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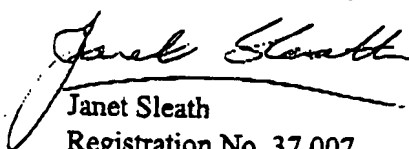
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 23, 2000, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II (claims 3-8 and 11; drawn to isolate polynucleotides, expression vectors, host cell and compositions comprising the polynucleotides) and the species of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Favorable consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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